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Dear Friends:

The Connecticut General Assembly's Latino and Puerto Rican Affairs Commission members and staff are requesting nominations from you of qualified individuals to be recognized at our annual awards banquet this fall. The **Ninth Annual Gala Awards Banquet** for the Latino and Puerto Rican Affairs Commission is scheduled for Saturday, October 7, 2006 at the Foxwoods Resort Casino in Ledyard, Connecticut.

In an effort to continue meeting our legislative mandate to ***"Secure appropriate recognition of the accomplishments and contributions of the Latino and Puerto Rican population of the state"***, we are seeking your assistance in identifying viable candidates for the annual awards in the following categories:

- ***Latino/a Citizen of the Year;***
- ***Promesa Scholarship Award for Youth (awarding 4 this year); and,***
- ***Latino Community Service Award (Presented to an Organization)***

The awards are designed to recognize Hispanic men and women and one Hispanic organization in the state that have made significant contributions to our community. Last year, we received numerous submissions for outstanding individuals; if your nominee was not selected for award, please do not hesitate to re-submit their name for this year's competition.

Enclosed please find the criteria, nomination form and scholarship application for use in making your nominations for award consideration. Please submit names for those who meet the criteria outlined. ***It is imperative that the nomination be submitted in its entirety as we will not accept an incomplete submission.*** The deadline for submission of nominations is ***Friday, June 9, 2006.*** ***It is vital, that you act on your nomination as fast as possible and submit it promptly as the deadline will not be extended.*** Therefore, please submit your nomination(s) by the stated deadline.

Thank you for your participation and feel free to contact the Special Projects Director, Ms. Lucy Goicoechea-Hernández at 860-240-8330 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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